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in "The RETURN of TWO-FACE"

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AS GALLANT FIREMEN BATTLE A TENEMENT BLAZE, A SLIM FIGURE DARTS PAST THE POLICE LINES AND...
MISS... LOOK OUT... THE BUILDING'S FALLING!
IT'S OKAY... I GOT THE SHOT I WANTED!
WHO IS THAT CRAZY GAL?
RYAN, YOU HAVEN'T BEEN AROUND! THAT'S VICKI VALE OF PICTURE MAGAZINE! SHE HANDLES THE TOUGHEST ASSIGNMENTS ON THE STAFF!
LATER... THE EDITORIAL OFFICES OF PICTURE MAGAZINE!
WHAT'S MY NEXT JOB, CHIEF?
I WANT YOU TO DO A SERIES ON VARIOUS LAW ENFORCEMENT GROUPS!
I WANT ACTUAL ON-THE-SPOT PHOTOS OF THESE LAWMEN CRACKING DOWN ON CRIMINALS! DO YOU THINK YOU CAN DELIVER?
I'LL LET MY CAMERA SPEAK FOR ME!
FIRST ON THE LIST OF GUARDIANS OF THE LAW--THE F.B.I..!
THE BATMAN TIPPED US OFF THAT THIS IS THE JOKER'S HIDEOUT! I HOPE HE'S RIGHT!
OKAY... LET'S BREAK THAT DOOR DOWN!
HOLD IT, JOKER... WE'RE TAKING YOU IN!
HOLD IT, JOKER... I'M TAKING YOUR PICTURE!

SECOND ON VICKI'S LIST ARE THOSE SEA-GOING SENTRIES – THE COAST GUARD!
GET DOWN, MISS... THOSE SMUGGLERS ARE DESPERATE! GUNNER, PUT A SHOT INTO THEM!
NICE SHOT!
GUN OR CAMERA?
THIRD ON THE LIST ARE THE DAREDEVIL STATE TROOPERS...
BATMAN SAYS:
OBEY THE LAW
WOW! HE GOT THE CROOKS' TIRE!
CRASH!
LATER...
NOW FOR NUMBER FOUR ON MY LIST OF LAWMEN— BATMAN AND ROBIN!

LATER... THE FAMED BAT-SIGNAL IS OUTLINED AGAINST THE NIGHT SKY.'
STEP ON THE GAS, BATMAN... THAT'S AN S.O.S. CALL FROM POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON.'
SOON AFTER, BATMAN AND ROBIN THE BOY WONDER REACH THE HEADQUARTERS ROOF TO SEE...
VICKI! YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BAT-SIGNAL!
I HAD TO GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU SOME WAY, AND THE DEAR COMMISSIONER WAS SO UNDERSTANDING.'
AHEM...
VICKI SOON EXPLAINS HER ASSIGNMENT TO BATMAN...
WELL, I'LL HELP YOU... BUT ONLY BECAUSE YOUR PICTURES MIGHT STOP SOME WOULD-BE CROOKS FROM CHOOSING A CAREER OF CRIME.'
OH, BATMAN YOU'RE A DARLING.'
AFTERWARD, VICKI FOCUSES HER LENS ON THAT CRIME-FIGHTING WEAPON—THE BATMOBILE!
..AND IN ADDITION, THE BATMOBILE CARRIES AN INHALATOR, GAS MASKS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT! THE BATMOBILE IS READY FOR ANY EMERGENCY.'
OKAY... LET'S GET STARTED! WE'LL CRUISE AROUND AND KEEP AN EYE OPEN FOR TROUBLE!'
TROUBLE IS NOT LONG IN COMING, FOR AS THEY COVER THE WATERFRONT...
HELP!
THREE THUGS AFTER ONE MAN! VICKI, GET YOUR CAMERA READY FOR SOME ACTION SHOTS!'
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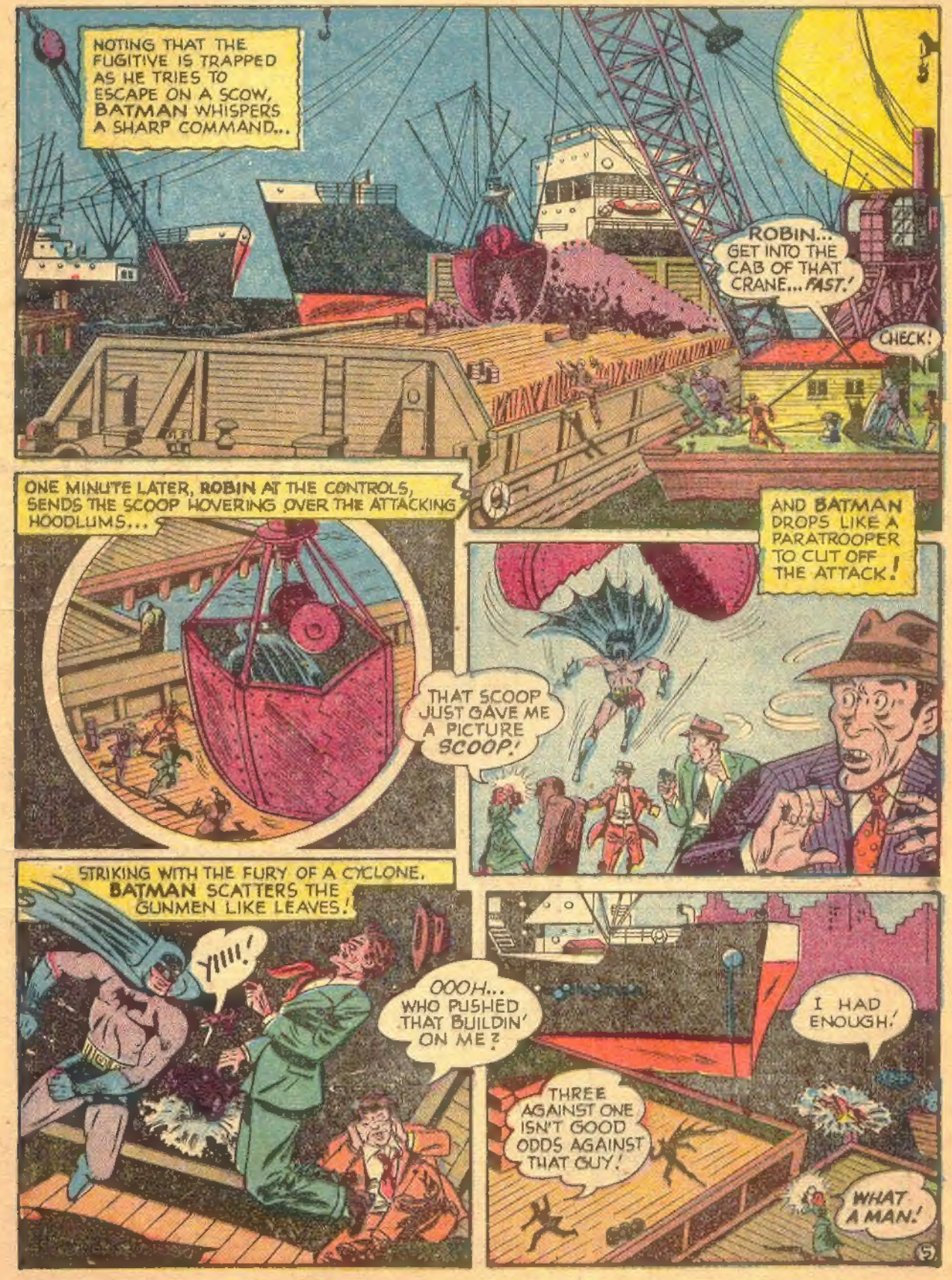
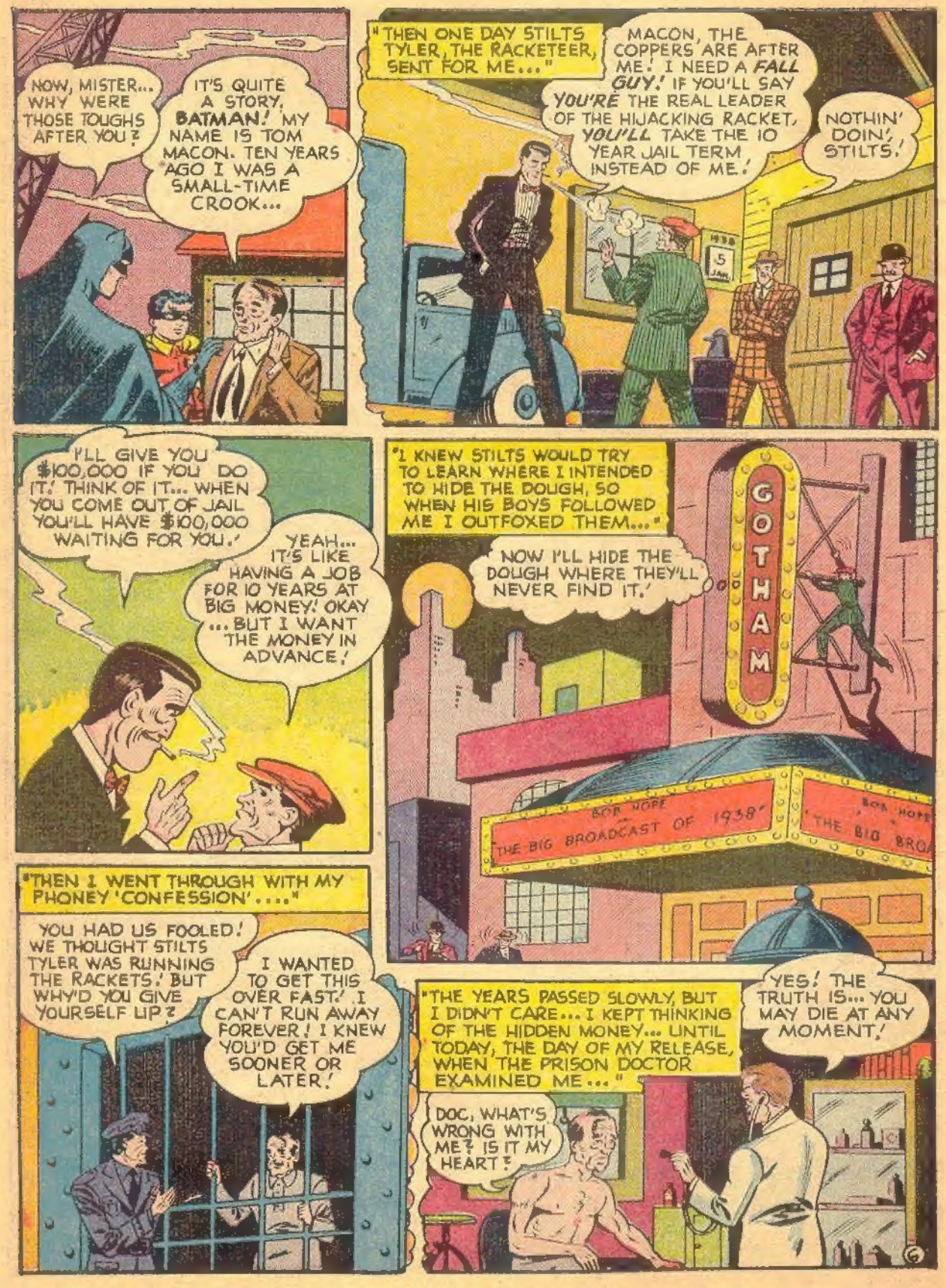

NOTING THAT THE FUGITIVE IS TRAPPED AS HE TRIES TO ESCAPE ON A SCOW, BATMAN WHISPERS A SHARP COMMAND...
ROBIN... GET INTO THE CAB OF THAT CRANE... FAST!
CHECK!
ONE MINUTE LATER, ROBIN AT THE CONTROLS, SENDS THE SCOOP HOVERING OVER THE ATTACKING HOODLUMS...
AND BATMAN DROPS LIKE A PARATROOPER TO CUT OFF THE ATTACK!
THAT SCOOP JUST GAVE ME A PICTURE SCOOP!
STRIKING WITH THE FURY OF A CYCLONE, BATMAN SCATTERS THE GUNMEN LIKE LEAVES!
YIIII!
OOOH... WHO PUSHED THAT BUILDIN' ON ME?
I HAD ENOUGH!
THREE AGAINST ONE ISN'T GOOD ODDS AGAINST THAT GUY!
WHAT A MAN!


NOW, MISTER... WHY WERE THOSE TOUGHS AFTER YOU?
IT'S QUITE A STORY, BATMAN! MY NAME IS TOM MACON. TEN YEARS AGO I WAS A SMALL-TIME CROOK...
"THEN ONE DAY STILTS TYLER, THE RACKETEER, SENT FOR ME..."
MACON, THE COPPERS ARE AFTER ME! I NEED A FALL GUY! IF YOU'LL SAY YOU'RE THE REAL LEADER OF THE HIJACKING RACKET, YOU'LL TAKE THE 10 YEAR JAIL TERM INSTEAD OF ME!
NOTHIN' DOIN', STILTS!
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I'LL GIVE YOU $100,000 IF YOU DO IT! THINK OF IT... WHEN YOU COME OUT OF JAIL YOU'LL HAVE $100,000 WAITING FOR YOU!
YEAH... IT'S LIKE HAVING A JOB FOR 10 YEARS AT BIG MONEY! OKAY ...BUT I WANT THE MONEY IN ADVANCE!
"I KNEW STILTS WOULD TRY TO LEARN WHERE I INTENDED TO HIDE THE DOUGH, SO WHEN HIS BOYS FOLLOWED ME I OUTFOXED THEM..."
NOW I'LL HIDE THE DOUGH WHERE THEY'LL NEVER FIND IT!
GOTHAM
BOB HOPE
THE BIG BROADCAST OF 1938
"THEN I WENT THROUGH WITH MY PHONEY 'CONFESSION'...."
YOU HAD US FOOLED! WE THOUGHT STILTS TYLER WAS RUNNING THE RACKETS! BUT WHY'D YOU GIVE YOURSELF UP?
I WANTED TO GET THIS OVER FAST! I CAN'T RUN AWAY FOREVER! I KNEW YOU'D GET ME SOONER OR LATER!
"THE YEARS PASSED SLOWLY, BUT I DIDN'T CARE... I KEPT THINKING OF THE HIDDEN MONEY... UNTIL TODAY, THE DAY OF MY RELEASE, WHEN THE PRISON DOCTOR EXAMINED ME..."
DOC, WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME? IS IT MY HEART?
YES! THE TRUTH IS... YOU MAY DIE AT ANY MOMENT!

THOSE GUNMEN WERE STILTS' BOYS! HE'S STILL AFTER THE $100,000! BUT I'D RATHER HAVE YOU GIVE IT TO SOME CHARITY.
WHERE DID YOU HIDE THE MONEY?
LEANING FORWARD, MACON WHISPERS THE HIDING PLACE INTO BATMAN'S EAR AND THEN SHUFFLES AWAY...
WAIT... WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
I'M GONNA KEEP ON WALKING ... UNTIL MY HEART GIVES OUT.'
SUDDENLY...
YOU AIN'T WALKIN' FAR, MACON! IT'S A GOOD THING I WAS FOLLOWIN' MY MEN IN MY CAR! NO TRICKS, BATMAN... OR I'LL BLOW SOMEBODY APART.'
STILTS.'
AFTER BATMAN, ROBIN AND VICKI ARE MADE CAPTIVES...
NOW, LITTLE MAN... TALK OR I'LL...
I... OHH.. MY HEART... IT'S QUITTING FASTER'N I THOUGHT...
YOU'RE TOO LATE, STILTS... YOU CAN'T THREATEN ME NOW! HA, HA.' YOU'RE TOO LATE... HA! HA... AAGGHHH.'
HE TOLD BATMAN WHERE THE DOUGH IS HIDDEN.' WE'LL TAKE BATMAN TO OUR HIDEOUT... AN' THEN WE'LL MAKE BATMAN SING.'
HE'S DEAD, STILTS.'
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LATER...
NOW... WHERE'D MACON HIDE THE DOUGH? TALK!
I'M NOT SAYING A THING! UHHHH!
STONY-FACED, BATMAN ENDURES A GRUELLING THIRD-DEGREE...
WHERE? TALK!
WHERE'D HE HIDE IT?
TALK!
STILTS, THIS GUY AIN'T ON OUR SIDE, BUT I GOTTA ADMIT HE KIN TAKE A LOT O' PUNISHMENT!
HE'LL CRACK YET! GET THAT GABBY DAME INTO THE STORAGE ROOM!
YOU BEASTS!
WHEN BATMAN REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS...
TAKE A GOOD LOOK, BATMAN! THAT'S GAS HISSING INTO THAT ROOM! TALK, OR IN FIVE MINUTES THAT GIRL WILL BE A DEAD PIGEON!
WELL?
I'M NOT GOING TO TALK!
WHAT? BATMAN... YOU'VE GOT TO TALK! VICKI WILL DIE UNLESS YOU DO! HER LIFE IS WORTH MORE THAN THAT MONEY!
I'M NOT GOING TO TALK!
WILL BATMAN SACRIFICE VICKI'S LIFE TO THWART STILT'S SINISTER SCHEME? WILL NOT EVEN AN INNOCENT GIRL'S MURDER LESSEN HIS DETERMINATION?
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BAH! GET HER OUT OF THERE, SHIV! WE'LL FIGURE OUT SOMETHING ELSE IN MY OFFICE!
GOTCHA, BOSS!
HISSSS-SS-SSSS
SOON AFTER, SHIV RE-ENTERS THE ROOM...
THE BOSS SAYS YOU SHOULD BE QUIET—OR ELSE!
THOSE PUNCHES MUST'VE BROKEN AN EAR-DRUM! I CAN'T HEAR YOU UNLESS YOU COME CLOSER!
I SAID YOU GOTTA BE QUIET OR I... OOOH!
THAT'S CLOSE ENOUGH, THANK YOU! NOW I CAN USE YOUR KNIFE TO CUT OUR BONDS!
AND IN A FEW MOMENTS...
BATMAN, I HATE YOU! I MIGHT HAVE DIED, BUT YOU DIDN'T CARE!
DON'T BE SILLY! STILTS WAS ONLY BLUFFING! THAT "DEADLY" GAS WAS ONLY AIR!
IF THERE WERE REALLY DEADLY GAS POURING INTO THAT ROOM, THAT FLY BUZZING AROUND WOULD HAVE DROPPED AND THAT PLANT WOULD HAVE DROOPED! SO STOP POUTING AND LET'S GET AFTER THAT MONEY!
BUT ONCE THEY HAVE GONE...
OHH, MY CHIN! HOW WAS MY ACTING, STILTS?
GREAT! I KNEW BATMAN WOULD TRY TO ESCAPE IF WE GAVE HIM THE CHANCE! NOW ALL WE DO IS FOLLOW HIM AND HE'LL LEAD US TO THE MONEY!
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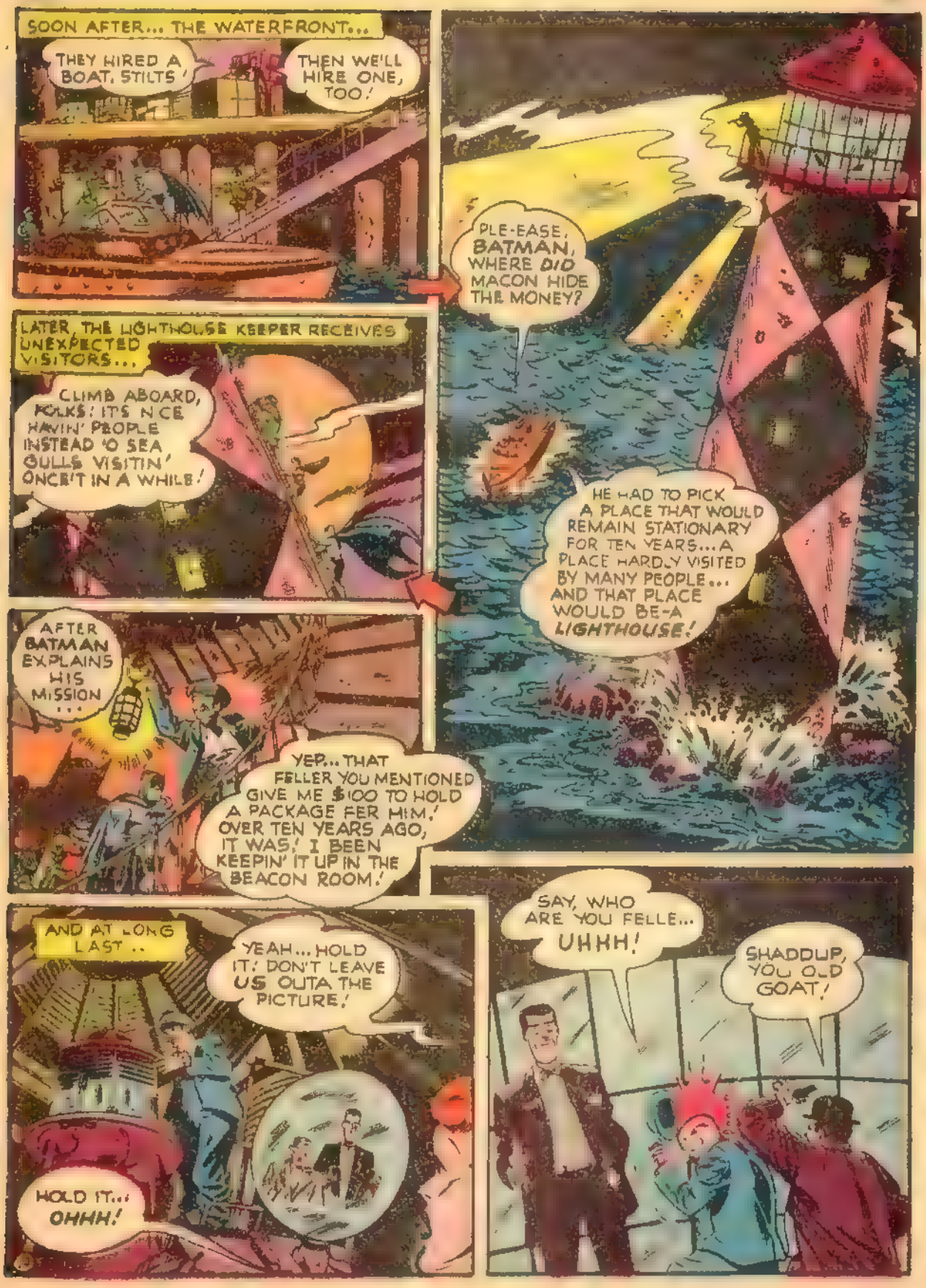
SOON AFTER... THE WATERFRONT...
THEY HIRED A BOAT, STILTS!
THEN WE'LL HIRE ONE, TOO!
PLE-EASE, BATMAN, WHERE DID MACON HIDE THE MONEY?
LATER, THE LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER RECEIVES UNEXPECTED VISITORS...
CLIMB ABOARD, FOLKS! IT'S NICE HAVIN' PEOPLE INSTEAD O' SEA GULLS VISITIN' ONCE'T IN A WHILE!
HE HAD TO PICK A PLACE THAT WOULD REMAIN STATIONARY FOR TEN YEARS... A PLACE HARDLY VISITED BY MANY PEOPLE... AND THAT PLACE WOULD BE-A LIGHTHOUSE!
AFTER BATMAN EXPLAINS HIS MISSION...
YEP... THAT FELLER YOU MENTIONED GIVE ME $100 TO HOLD A PACKAGE FER HIM! OVER TEN YEARS AGO, IT WAS! I BEEN KEEPIN' IT UP IN THE BEACON ROOM!
AND AT LONG LAST..
YEAH... HOLD IT! DON'T LEAVE US OUTA THE PICTURE!
HOLD IT... OHHH!
SAY, WHO ARE YOU FELLE... UHHH!
SHADDUP, YOU OLD GOAT!

YOU D RTY COWARD!
YIIII! STILTS... HELP!
CRASH!
STILTS S GO NG TO NEED HELP H MSELF BY THE TIME I GET THROUGH WITH HIM.'
YAHOO! SOCK HIM, BATMAN!
AS THE TWO COME TO GR PS, STILTS TEARS HIMSELF FREE AND A TER- R B-E BLOW SENDS BATMAN REEL NG BACK... BACK OVER THE RAIL!
BUT THE N MB-E ACROBATMAN TWISTS H S TRAINED BODY SO THAT HE SECURES A STRONGHOLD!
YOU WON T HANG ON FOR LONG, COPPER... NOT WHEN I STEP ON YOUR FINGERTIPS!
BATMAN!
OW!
YOU LEAVE HIM ALONE!

THAT MOMENT OF RESPITE GIVES BATMAN THE OPPORTUNITY HE NEEDS AND...
UHHHH...
BATMAN... ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
ALL RIGHT? HE'S WONDERFUL!
LATER... IN THE OFFICES OF PICTURE MAGAZINE...
VICKI, THESE PICS ARE GREAT...
WHAT ACTION! WHAT EXCITEMENT! WHAT DRAMA!
UH-HUH! BUT I THINK THIS PICTURE GAVE ME MORE SATISFACTION THAN ANY OF THEM!
... IT SHOWS BATMAN LOCKING A CELL DOOR ON STILTS TYLER AND HIS MOB!
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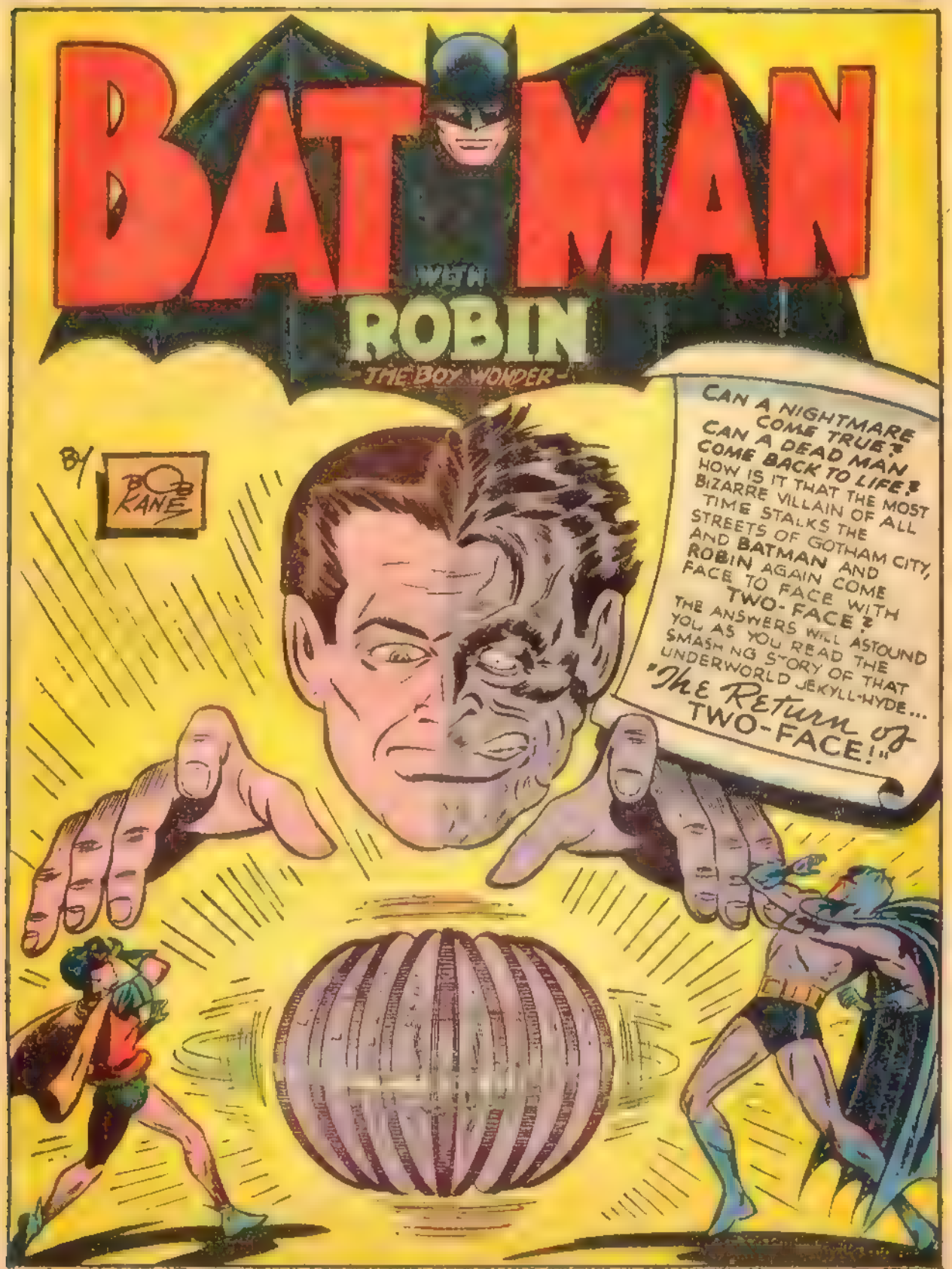
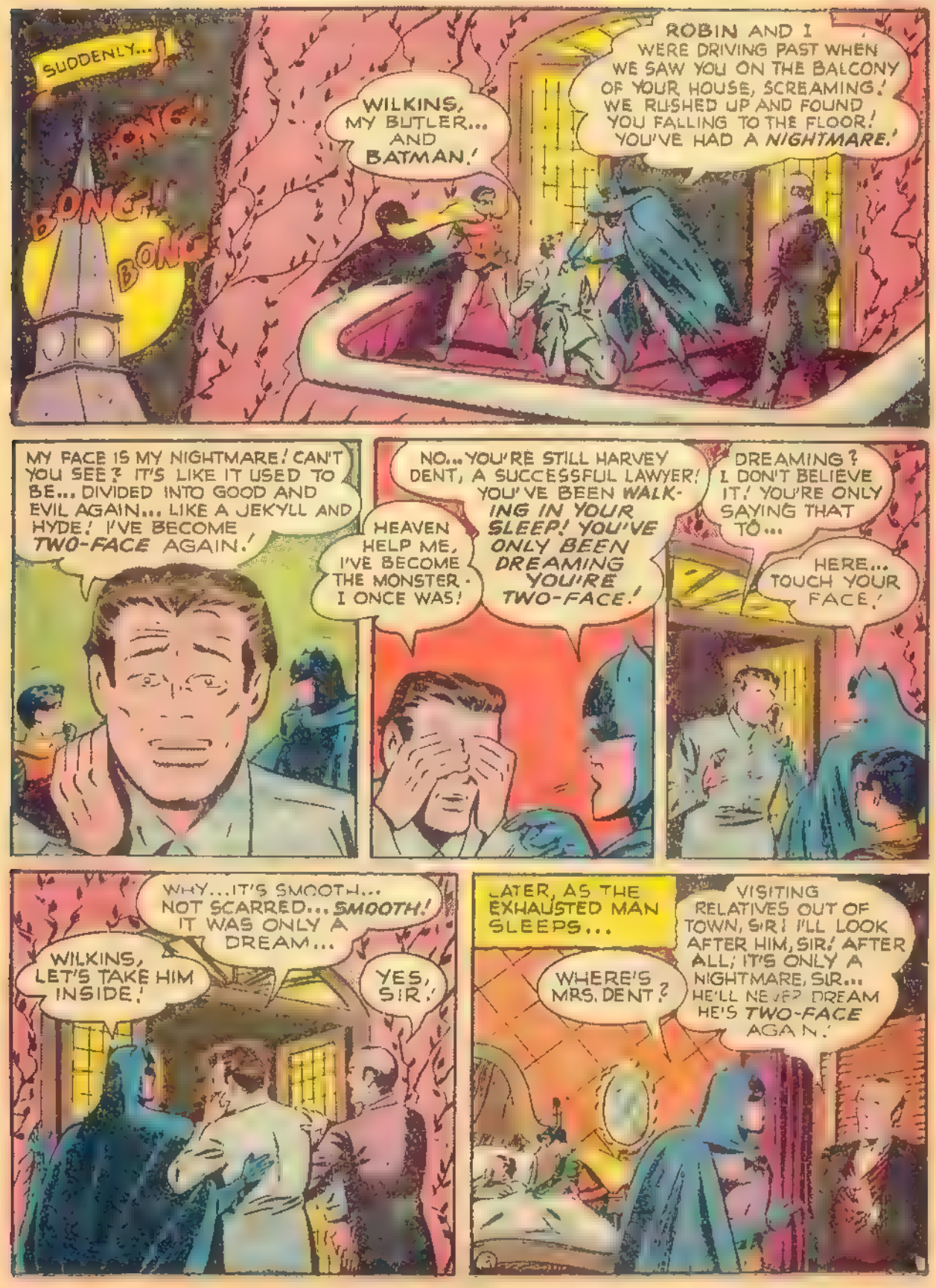
HEY, BUB, UNTIE THAT ROPE FOR US, WILL YA?
GEE, OLD NICK, THESE OLD NICK CANDY BARS SURE ARE SUPER
HELP! HELP! THE YACHT CLUB'S SAFE HAS BEEN ROBBED
QUICK, CALL THE HARBOR POLICE TO STOP, THAT MOTOR BOAT. HERE'S ITS NUMBER
AHOY, ON BOARD— STAND BY TO BE BOARDED
HOW IN BLAZES DID THEY PICK US UP SO QUICKLY?
...SO I KNEW RIGHT AWAY, THEY WEREN'T GENUINE YACHTSMEN
OLD NICK— YOU CERTAINLY THINK FAST IN EMERGENCIES
WHAT CLUE TIPPED OFF OLD N.CK?
A YACHTSMAN WOULD HAVE SAID "CAST OFF THAT PAINTER," OR "CAST OFF THAT LINE," PLEASE," NEVER "UNTIE THAT ROPE"
OLD NICK! OH BOY, OLD NICK IS A WONDERFUL CANDY BAR
CREAMY FUDGE-SMOOTH CARAMEL, LUSCIOUS MILK CHOCOLATE.
BEST BY FAR—SO TRY OLD NICK CANDY BAR.
AND HERE'S ANOTHER FAVORITE
SEPARATELY WRAPPED PACKAGES
TRY BIT-O-HONEY—IT'S A HONEY, HONEY, HONEY OF A CANDY BAR —MILD HONEY-FLAVORED, CHEWY CANDY FILLED WITH CRUNCHY, TOASTED ALMONDS


BATMAN
WITH
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER
BY BOB KANE
CAN A NIGHTMARE COME TRUE? CAN A DEAD MAN COME BACK TO LIFE? HOW IS IT THAT THE MOST BIZARRE VILLAIN OF ALL TIME STALKS THE STREETS OF GOTHAM CITY, AND BATMAN AND ROBIN AGAIN COME FACE TO FACE WITH TWO-FACE? THE ANSWERS WILL ASTOUND YOU AS YOU READ THE SMASHING STORY OF THAT UNDERWORLD JEKYLL-HYDE... "The Return of TWO-FACE!"

MIDNIGHT OVER GOTHAM CITY ... AND MOONLIGHT ILLUMES A BIZARRE FIGURE...
A FULL MOON! ANCIENT SUPERSTITION SAYS THAT ON A FULL MOON WEIRD CREATURES COME FORTH FROM HIDING!
BONG!! BONG!! BONG!!
IT MUST BE TRUE, BECAUSE I HAVE COME FORTH, AND CERTAINLY I AM THE WEIRDEST CREATURE THAT EVER LIVED... FOR I AM...
...TWO-FACE!
NOW IS THE TIME FOR CRIME! I MUST TAKE UP MY EVIL CAREER AGAIN WHERE I LEFT OFF! WHOM SHALL I ROB TONIGHT? WHOM?
BONG!! BONG!! BONG!! BONG!!
THE VINE ... IT BROKE! I'M FALLING! HE-EELP!
SAVE ME! AGGHHHHH...
THEN A GIANT HAND SEEMS TO REACH OUT... CLOSES ON HIS SHOULDER...


SUDDENLY...
BONG!
BONG!
BONG!
WILKINS, MY BUTLER... AND BATMAN.'
ROBIN AND I WERE DRIVING PAST WHEN WE SAW YOU ON THE BALCONY OF YOUR HOUSE, SCREAMING.' WE RUSHED UP AND FOUND YOU FALLING TO THE FLOOR! YOU'VE HAD A NIGHTMARE.'
MY FACE IS MY NIGHTMARE! CAN'T YOU SEE? IT'S LIKE IT USED TO BE... DIVIDED INTO GOOD AND EVIL AGAIN... LIKE A JEKYLL AND HYDE! I'VE BECOME TWO-FACE AGAIN.'
HEAVEN HELP ME, I'VE BECOME THE MONSTER I ONCE WAS!
NO... YOU'RE STILL HARVEY DENT, A SUCCESSFUL LAWYER! YOU'VE BEEN WALKING IN YOUR SLEEP! YOU'VE ONLY BEEN DREAMING YOU'RE TWO-FACE!'
DREAMING? I DON'T BELIEVE IT! YOU'RE ONLY SAYING THAT TO...
HERE... TOUCH YOUR FACE.'
WHY... IT'S SMOOTH... NOT SCARRED... SMOOTH! IT WAS ONLY A DREAM...
WILKINS, LET'S TAKE HIM INSIDE!
YES, SIR.'
LATER, AS THE EXHAUSTED MAN SLEEPS...
WHERE'S MRS. DENT?
VISITING RELATIVES OUT OF TOWN, SIR! I'LL LOOK AFTER HIM, SIR! AFTER ALL, IT'S ONLY A NIGHTMARE, SIR... HE'LL NEVER DREAM HE'S TWO-FACE AGAIN.'

TWO-FACE! BATMAN THINKS BACK TO THE TIME HARVEY DENT WAS ONCE GOTHAM CITY'S FIGHTING D.A.!
YOUR HONOR, THIS WAS FOUND ON THE SCENE OF THE CRIME- A TWO-HEADED SILVER DOLLAR- "LUCKY" MORONY'S GOOD-LUCK PIECE!
THEN THE TRAGEDY HAPPENED!
I'LL FIX YOU, PRETTY BOY!
LOOK OUT, D.A.! HE'S THROWING ACID!
AAGHH! MY FACE!
ONE SIDE OF HIS FACE SCARRED BY THE ACID, DENT BEGAN TO BROOD, BLAMED HIS TRAGEDY ON THE LUCK PIECE...
YOU HAVE TWO SIDES ... CLEAN AND HANDSOME AS MINE ONCE WERE! NOW ONE WILL BE UGLY, EVIL LIKE MINE!
THEN THE TORMENTED MAN FLIPPED THE COIN TO CHOOSE HIS LIFE'S COURSE...
THE EVIL SIDE WINS! CRIME WINS! FROM THIS DAY ON, THIS TWO-FACED COIN WILL BE THE SYMBOL OF ME— TWO-FACE!
TWO-FACE'S ESCAPADES BECAME NOTORIOUS, BUT WHEN HE ACCIDENTALLY SHOT HIS LOYAL FIANCEE, IT BROUGHT THE DEMENTED MAN TO HIS SENSES...
NO, HARVEY... YOU CAN'T SHOOT BATM... OHHH!
GILDA! I DIDN'T MEAN TO...
GILDA RECOVERED, AND DENT REFORMED AFTER HIS FACE WAS HEALED BY A PLASTIC SURGEON. THEN ONE DAY BATMAN RECEIVED SOMETHING FOR HIS TROPHY ROOM...
Batman, afraid a right cha - as a part of momentum O Kane no further face me if from the man who once called TWO FACE
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HE'S BEEN WORKING TOO HARD, SIR! PERHAPS YOU CAN PERSUADE HIM TO TAKE A VACATION...
I'LL TRY! IT WOULD BE DANGEROUS FOR HIM TO GET A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN NOW!
AT THE STADIUM A MOTORCYCLE SHOW THRILLS A CAPACITY CROWD...
THE NEXT NIGHT, AS DENT RELAXES AFTER HIS DINNER...
OHH...I'M SO TIRED LATELY! I THINK I'LL TAKE A LITTLE NAP NOW!
VERY GOOD, SIR!
TWO HOURS PASS, AND AS THE BATMOBILE PATROLS GOTHAM'S STREETS...
BATMAN, LISTEN...A POLICE ALARM!
WHA-AAT?
CALLING BATMAN! TWO-FACE [illegible] SNEAKING INTO ADDISON STADIUM! INVESTIGATE!
BUT AT THE MANAGER'S OFFICE—THAT UNPREDICTABLE CRIMINAL—TWO FACE!
I'VE GIVEN YOU THE GATE RECEIPTS! DON'T KILL ME!
MY COIN WILL DECIDE THAT! IF THE GOOD SIDE COMES UP, YOU'LL LIVE ...BUT IF THE BAD SIDE COMES UP...YOU DIE!
MANAGER
THE COIN SPINS HIGH AND DROPS INTO A PALM... AND IN THAT PALM IS HELD, A MAN'S FATE.
THE BAD SIDE WINS! YOU'RE JUST UNLUCKY, MY FRIEND!

BUT AS TWO-FACE'S FINGER TIGHTENS ON THE TRIGGER, SUDDENLY...
NO! DON'T PULL THAT TRIGGER!
BATMAN! I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!
COMMANDEERING THE COUPLED MACHINES TO BE USED IN THE NOVEL MOTORCYCLE CHARIOT RACE, BATMAN PURSUES...
THIS RAMP IS MY ONLY AVENUE OF ESCAPE!
B DASHING THRO' AN EXIT, TWO-FACE FIND HIMSELF ON THE STADIUM FIELD AND SEIZES A MOTORCYCLE...
IT IS FITTING TWO-FACE SHOULD ESCAPE ON A TWO-WHEELED VEHICLE!
REVVING UP HIS MOTOR CYCLE ENGINES, BATMAN THUNDERS FORWARD AT BREAK-NECK SPEED THROUGH THE HAZARDOUS LOOP-THE-LOOP!
HA HA! BATMAN'S CHARIOT IS TOO WIDE TO PASS THROUGH HERE! I'LL GET AWAY NOW!
EXIT
YOW!
LEAVING THE LOOP, TWO-FACE RUTHLESSLY POINTS HIS MACHINE TOWARD A GUARDED STREET EXIT...
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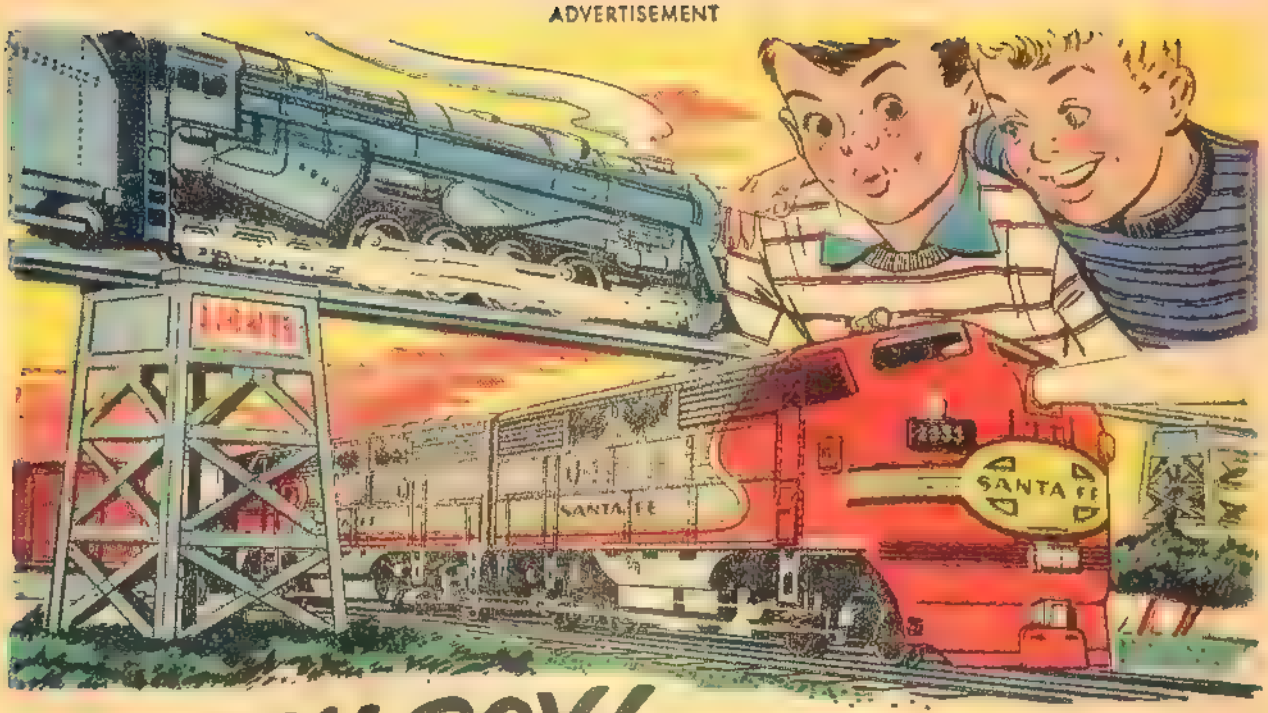

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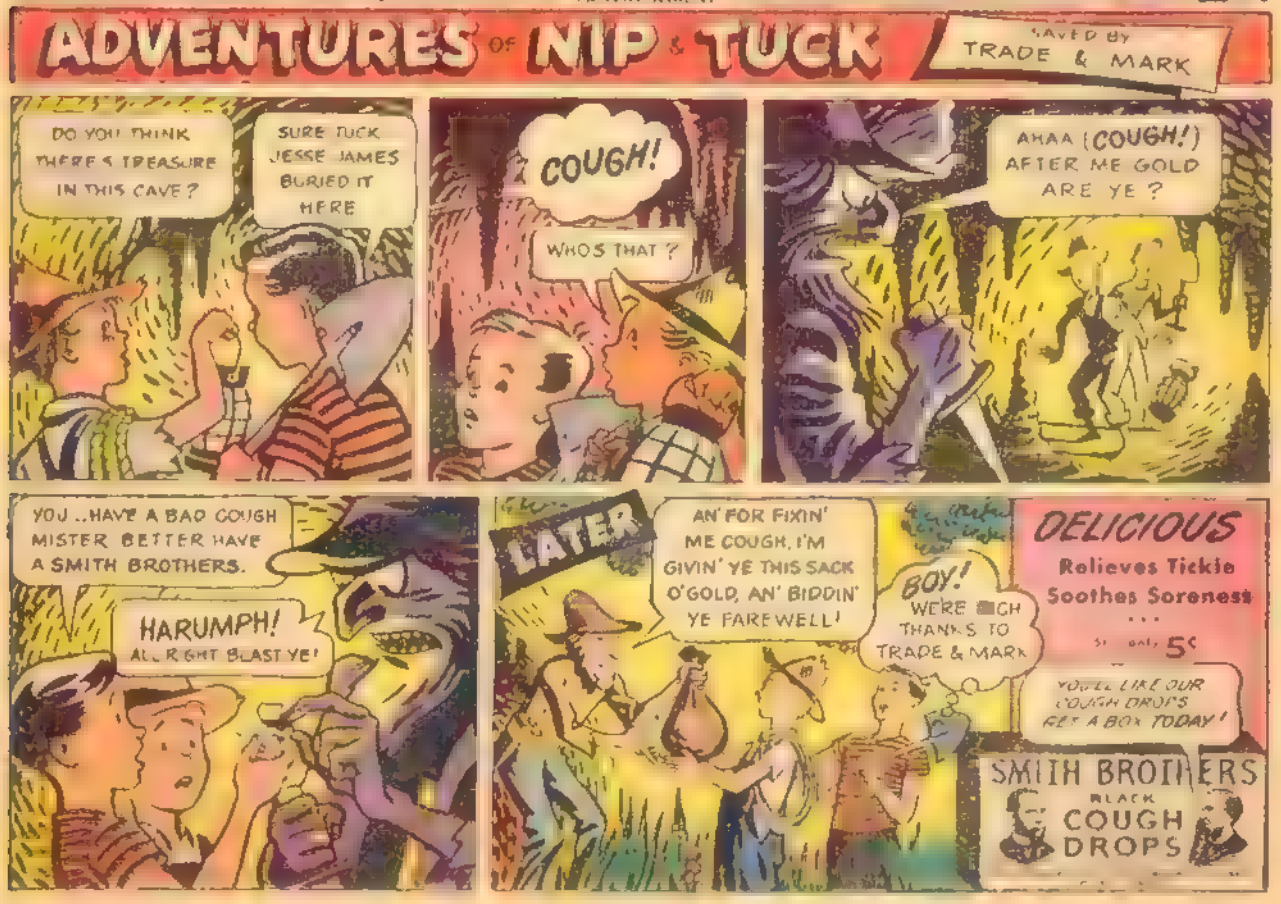
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COUGH!
WHO'S THAT?
AHAA (COUGH!) AFTER ME GOLD ARE YE?
YOU..HAVE A BAD COUGH MISTER BETTER HAVE A SMITH BROTHERS.
HARUMPH! ALRIGHT BLAST YE!
LATER
AN' FOR FIXIN' ME COUGH, I'M GIVIN' YE THIS SACK O'GOLD, AN' BIDDIN' YE FAREWELL!
BOY! WE'RE ■GH THANKS TO TRADE & MARK
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Soothes Soreness
...
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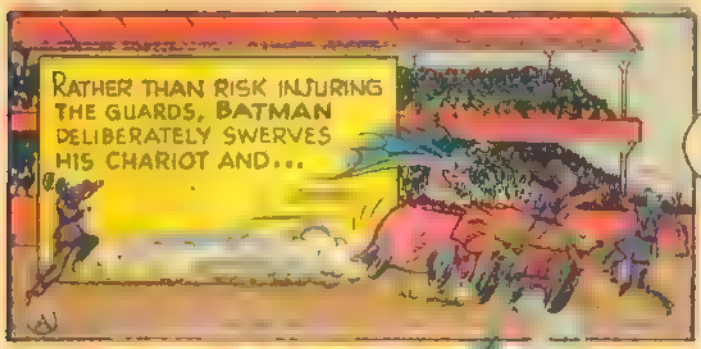
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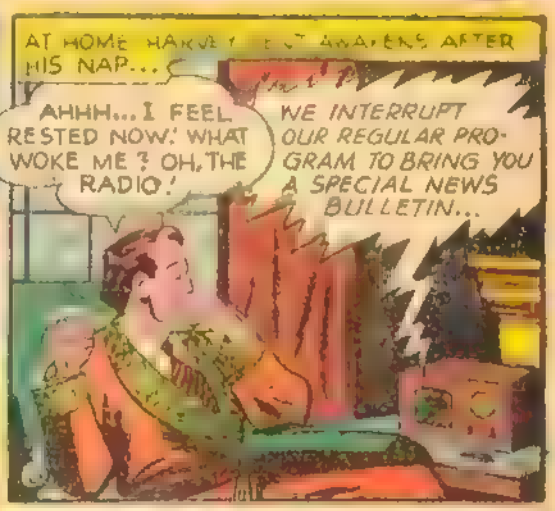
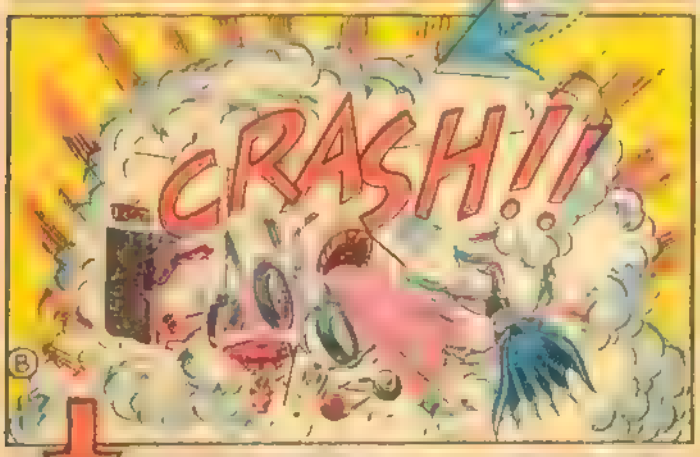
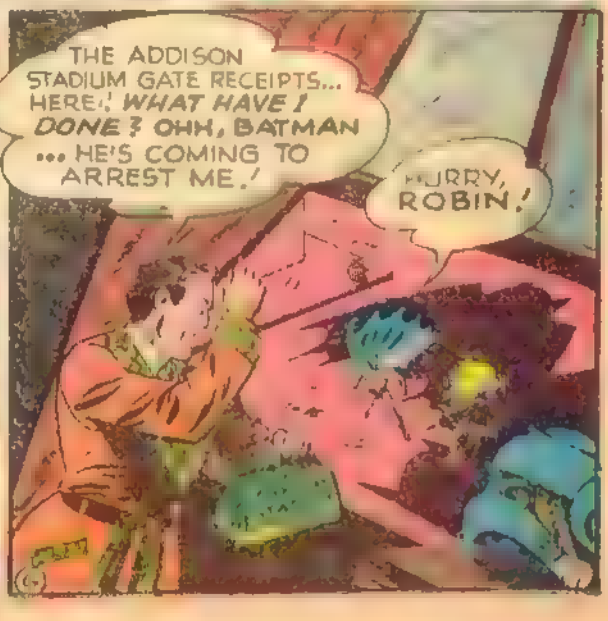

AT HOME HARVEY DENT AWAKENS AFTER HIS NAP...
AHHH... I FEEL RESTED NOW! WHAT WOKE ME? OH, THE RADIO!
WE INTERRUPT OUR REGULAR PROGRAM TO BRING YOU A SPECIAL NEWS BULLETIN...


CRASH!!

POLICE REPORT TWO-FACE IS AT LARGE AGAIN! AFTER STEALING THE ADDISON STADIUM GATE RECEIPTS...
WHAT..? BUT THAT CAN'T BE! I'M TWO-FACE... OR WAS! AM I DREAMING AGAIN?

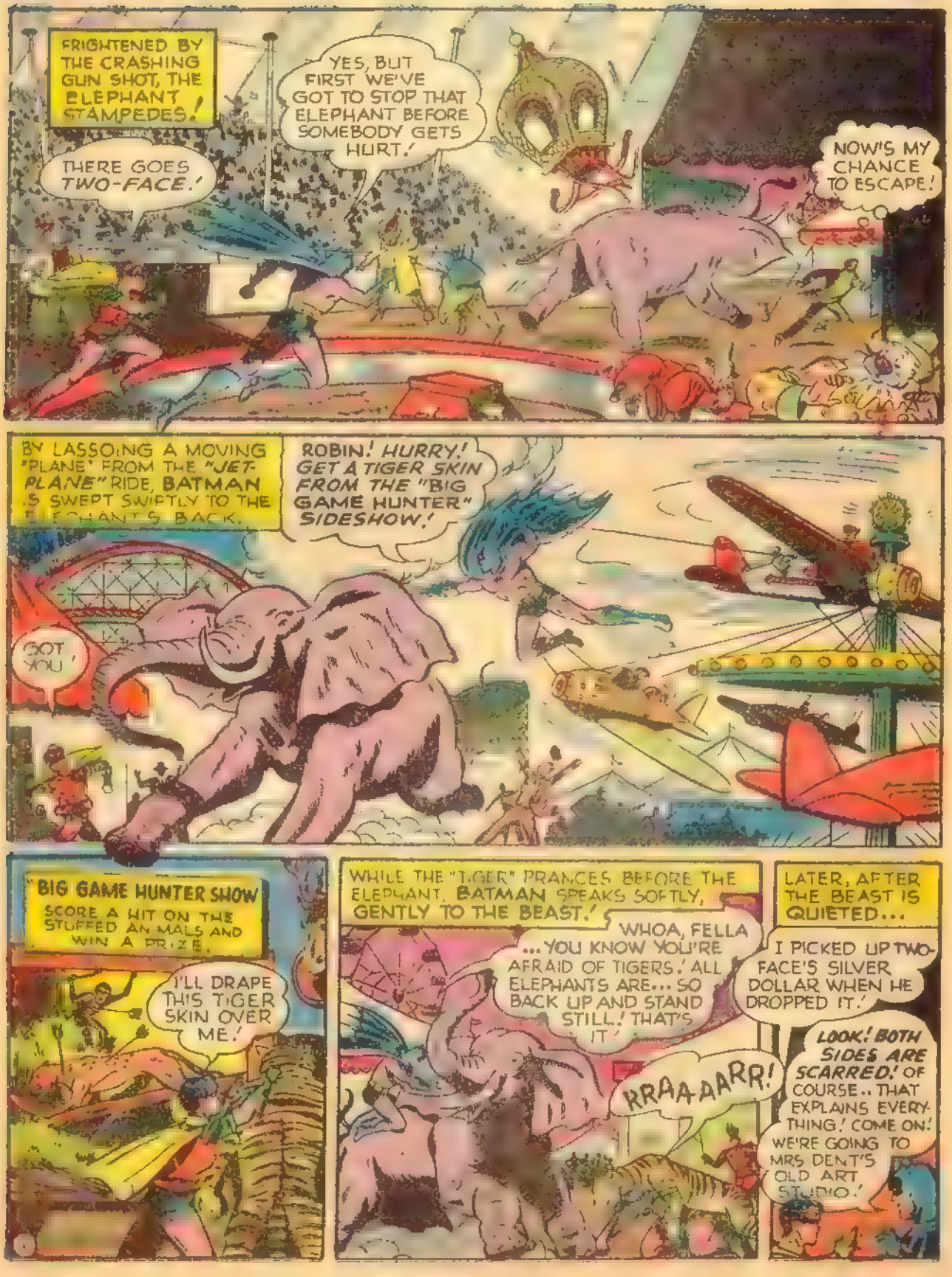
HURRY BATMAN... WE'D BETTER CHECK UP ON HARVEY DENT!
RIGHT, ROBIN! WE KNOW TWO-FACE IS "DEAD"- YET SOMEHOW HE'S COME BACK TO LIFE!

WHAT'S THIS MY TWO-FACE COSTUME... AND A JAR OF THEATRICAL MAKEUP!


THE ADDISON STADIUM GATE RECEIPTS... HERE! WHAT HAVE I DONE? OHH, BATMAN ... HE'S COMING TO ARREST ME!
HURRY, ROBIN!

I'M SORRY... BUT I WON'T LET YOU SEND ME TO JAIL!
DON'T TRY TO STOP ME, WILKINS... I'VE GOT TO GET AWAY... GET AWAY UNTIL I CURE MYSELF OF MY SICKNESS!
OHH, SIR!
LATER, AFTER BATMAN AND ROBIN REGAIN CONSCIOUSNESS...
OH, THIS IS SO BEWILDERING, SIR! HOW COULD MR. DENT BE TWO-FACE AGAIN?
I'M AFRAID DENT IS SUFFERING FROM A SPLIT-PERSONALITY!
HE'S LIVING TWO LIVES! WHEN HIS MIND IS TIRED, HE'S LIKE A MAN WALKING IN HIS SLEEP... AND HE MAKES UP AS TWO-FACE WITHOUT EVEN KNOWING IT!
I'D BETTER NOTIFY MRS. DENT, SIR!
REMEMBER, ROBIN... TWO-FACE'S CRIMES ALWAYS INVOLVE HIS SYMBOL— TWO!
UH-HUH! WE'VE GOT TO WATCH OUT FOR A TWO CRIME!
GOOD IDEA! TELL HER TO COME HOME AT ONCE! C'MON, ROBIN... WE'VE GOT TO FIND DENT BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

THE NEXT NIGHT, AT A PLAYLAND SIDE SHOW...
STEP RIGHT UP, FOLKS ...ONLY ONE DIME... TEN CENTS . TO SEE THE GENUINE SIAMESE TWINS.'
WILL YOU STEP OUT FIRST MY DEAR SISTER ?
NO, YOU FIRST.
INSIDE THE TENT, AWED SPECTATORS WATCH AS SIAMESE TWINS ARE BROUGHT INTO VIEW ON AN ELEPHANT...
SUDDENLY, ANOTHER "TWIN" JOINS THE ACT.'
HELLO, GIRLS... HOW ABOUT A DOUBLE DATE WITH ME ? AFTER ALL, I, TOO, AM TWO PEOPLE JOINED TOGETHER IN ONE BODY.'
OHHH.'
YOUR GEM-STUDDED CROWNS ARE WELL KNOWN! SHALL I STEAL THEM OR NOT ?, I'LL LET MY COIN DECIDE.'
AGAIN THE COIN SPINS HIGH AND DROPS..
THE EVIL SIDE WINS.' HAND OVER YOUR CROWNS, GIRLS... AND DON'T TRY ANYTHING OR THERE'LL BE TARGET PRACTISE '
ABRUPTLY...
ANOTHER "TWO" CRIME, EH? I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO RESIST- TWINS.'
BATMAN!


FRIGHTENED BY THE CRASHING GUN SHOT, THE ELEPHANT STAMPEDES!
THERE GOES TWO-FACE!
YES, BUT FIRST WE'VE GOT TO STOP THAT ELEPHANT BEFORE SOMEBODY GETS HURT!
NOW'S MY CHANCE TO ESCAPE!
BY LASSOING A MOVING "PLANE" FROM THE "JET-PLANE" RIDE, BATMAN IS SWEPT SWIFTLY TO THE ELEPHANT'S BACK.
ROBIN! HURRY! GET A TIGER SKIN FROM THE "BIG GAME HUNTER" SIDESHOW!
GOT YOU!
"BIG GAME HUNTER SHOW" SCORE A HIT ON THE STUFFED ANIMALS AND WIN A PRIZE.
I'LL DRAPE THIS TIGER SKIN OVER ME!
WHILE THE "TIGER" PRANCES BEFORE THE ELEPHANT, BATMAN SPEAKS SOFTLY, GENTLY TO THE BEAST.
WHOA, FELLA ...YOU KNOW YOU'RE AFRAID OF TIGERS.' ALL ELEPHANTS ARE... SO BACK UP AND STAND STILL! THAT'S IT.'
RRAAAARR!
LATER, AFTER THE BEAST IS QUIETED...
I PICKED UP TWO-FACE'S SILVER DOLLAR WHEN HE DROPPED IT.'
LOOK! BOTH SIDES ARE SCARRED! OF COURSE.. THAT EXPLAINS EVERYTHING! COME ON! WE'RE GOING TO MRS DENT'S OLD ART STUDIO!

SOON AFTER...
GILDA... SHE'S MRS. DENT NOW... WAS ONCE SCULPTING A GIANT HEAD OF HARVEY! WHEN HE BECAME TWO-FACE, HE MUTILATED ONE SIDE OF THE STATUE.' AFTER THAT, SHE CLOSED UP THE STUDIO.'
LATER, THE CRIME-FIGHTERS ENTER THE GLOOMY STUDIO WHERE THEY SEE THE GIGANTIC IMAGE OF A MAN'S TORMENT PERPETUATED IN ASELESS STONE...
GOLLY!
WITH ALL EXITS BARRED, ESCAPE LIES IN ONE DIRECTION FOR TWO-FACE.'
IF YOU'RE THINKING OF REACHING THE SKYLIGHT, FORGET IT.'
SUDDENLY SOMETHING STREAKS THROUGH THE AIR LIKE A SILVER COMET.'
THAT'S YOUR OWN SILVER DOLLAR, TWO-FACE!
UHH!
THEN, STEPPING FROM HIDING— THE MODEL HIMSELF.'
I MADE A MISTAKE IN NOT KILLING YOU LONG AGO.'
BATMAN! DUCK!

SOMEBODY ONCE SAID YOU WERE OFF YOUR HEAD ... AND RIGHT NOW YOU ARE!
AND AS THE BOMBER FLAN TOPPLES THE BIZARRE BANDIT!
AFTERWARD, A FLASHLIGHT EXPLORES THE
THERE HE IS! I HOPED I'D FIND HIM HIDDEN HERE!
THANK HEAVENS... YOU'VE COME AND CLUBBED ME AND MADE ME A PRISONER!
HARVEY DENT! BUT I THOUGHT... THEN WHO IS THAT UPSTAIRS?
THE IMPERSONATOR IS REVEALED.
IT'S WILKINS! DENT'S BUTLER!
AFTER DENT'S FIRST ... WILKINS COMMIT CRIMES THAT WOULD BE BLAMED ON TWO-FACE! HE KNEW TWO-FACE'S HORRIFYING FEATURES PARALYZED PEOPLE INTO EASY SUB- MISSION FOR ROBBERY
SURE... I DRUGGED DENT'S FOOD SO HE'D SLEEP WHILE I STOLE! HOW'D YOU GUESS?
THE SILVER DOLLAR WAS SCARRED ON BOTH SIDES. THE REAL TWO-FACE WOULDN'T DO THAT, SO I KNEW AN IMPERSONATOR HAD "FIXED" IT SO EVIL... CRIME WOULD ALWAYS WIN!
LATER, THERE IS A HAPPY REUNION OF A MAN AND HIS WIFE
GILDA!
HARVEY! I KNEW ... I JUST KNEW IT WASN'T TRUE!

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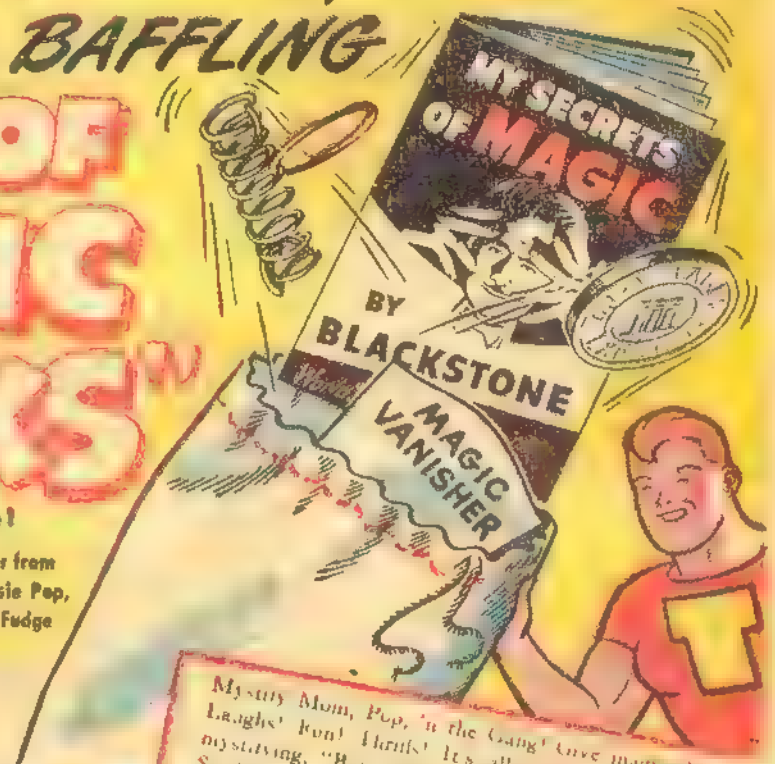

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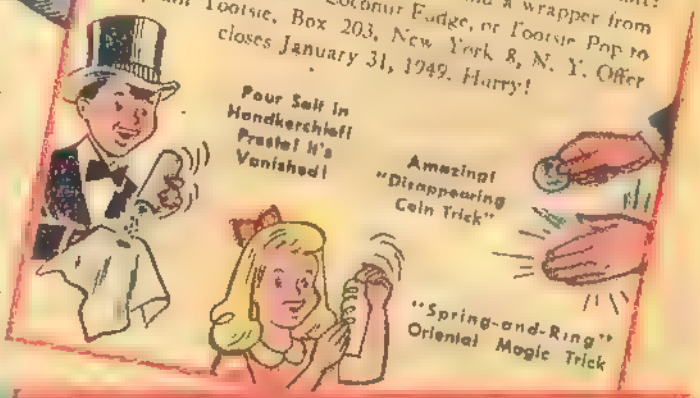

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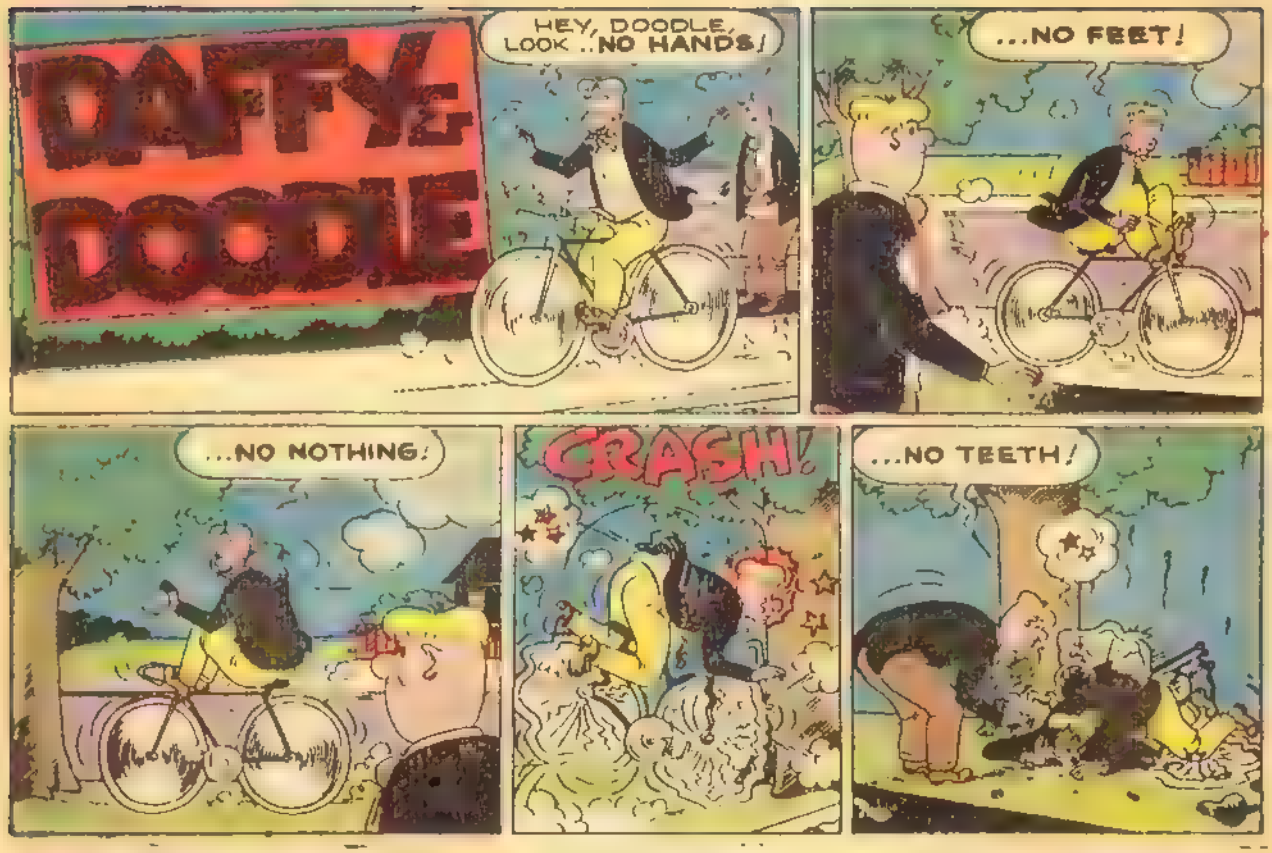

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Occasionally, the presents given to the President are noted in the newspapers. Only recently, President Truman, on his visit to Nebraska, received a pair of beautiful, massive spurs. The people also presented him with beet sugar, peace pipes, and numerous other tokens of their esteem.

At the White House, hundreds of packages streaming in from all over the world, is a daily occurence. Every item is fluoroscoped for such dangerous contents as poison or bombs, although it is claimed that bombs are out of date, and there is little likelihood of a would-be assassin trying to do away with a President in such a roundabout manner.

Being President is a magnet for presents from rich and poor alike, all over the world.

There are also gifts of state from foreign lands. Their purpose is frankly political and they are usually very expensive, rare, and ornamental.

They include an amazing variety of things. From India come precious stones, silks, skins of wild beasts, and exotic plants. When Teddy Roosevelt was President, for instance, the King of Abyssinia sent him a number of live animals, including a zebra, an ostrich, and a crate of baboons! These were immediately turned over to the National Zoological Park.

Sending state gifts goes back to the time of George Washington when foreign governments extended greetings to the new nation in this manner. The custom of offering personal gifts came later. This practice was introduced, it is said, by a wigmaker who sent a toupee to President John Quincy Adams, so that he might conceal his bald head.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt probably received more gifts than any other occupant of the White House. People of all countries deluged him with tokens of their affection and esteem. A great stamp collector, he enjoyed the help of a vast number of admirers who sent him stamps, most of them valuable.

When a President has a hobby, the whole world learns about it sooner or later and responds eagerly. Grover Cleveland had the restful hobby of rowing, usually down the Potomac. He received more rowboats than one man could use. Herbert Hoover, because of his interest in engineering, was the recipient of enough engineering instruments to start an engineering college!

Calvin Coolidge rated as the biggest gift-getter until F.D.R. came into office. "Silent Cal" received a huge variety of foods (mostly pickles, which he liked), racoons, wildcats, and other rather unusual offerings.

Speaking of postal deliveries to the White House, one must also consider the amount of mail which arrives daily. During Coolidge's term, letters averaged 1,000 a day. During Roosevelt's administration, the daily mail was estimated to run between 6,000 and 8,000 pieces.

Because of a world-wide reputation for his fondness of fine foods, people sent him all sorts of delicacies—fresh fish, wild game, jellies, wines, and rare herbs to be planted in his Hyde Park Garden. In addition to these edibles, he received war souvenirs, ship models, cigarette holders by the gross, dogs, and figures of the Democratic donkey, many of which he kept on his desk overflowing with tokens. Most of the gifts now can be seen at the Hyde Park Museum.

Gifts between governments are exchanged as a matter of course. If France sends our President a souvenir, we reciprocate with a gift to her President on a suitable occasion. Personal gifts, however, are acknowledged by a note of thanks from the President's secretary, or an autographed picture of the President.

In accepting gifts, the President always exercises caution against trickery. For years now, slick advertising promoters have attempted to pull fast deals; that is, having the President accept a gift in good faith, then blazon out with an advertisement in which he endorsed the product. The President, however, always has been able to penetrate the disguise and upset the scheme by returning the gift with a stinging rebuke.

Since he receives gifts from foreign powers as a representative of this country, the President invariably turns them over to the Smithsonian Institution or other public museums for the enjoyment and interest of the citizens.

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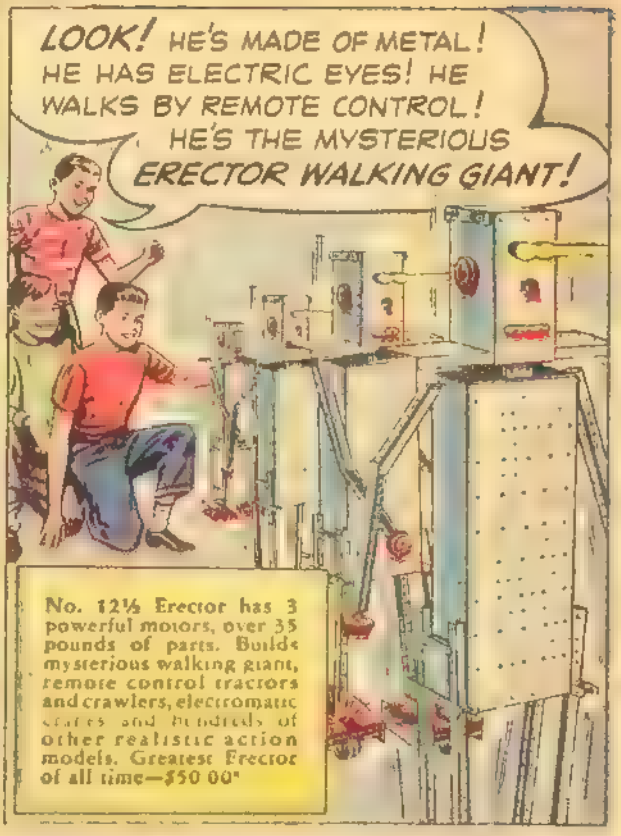

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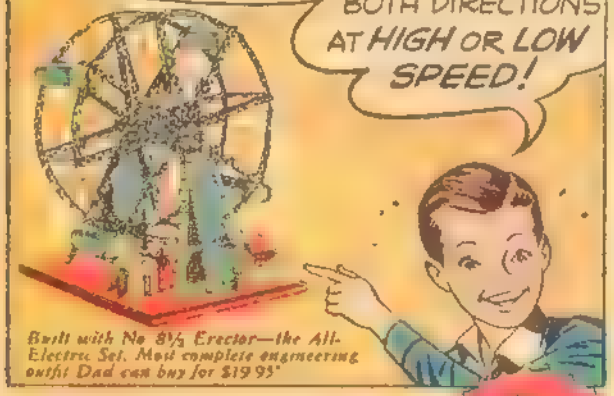

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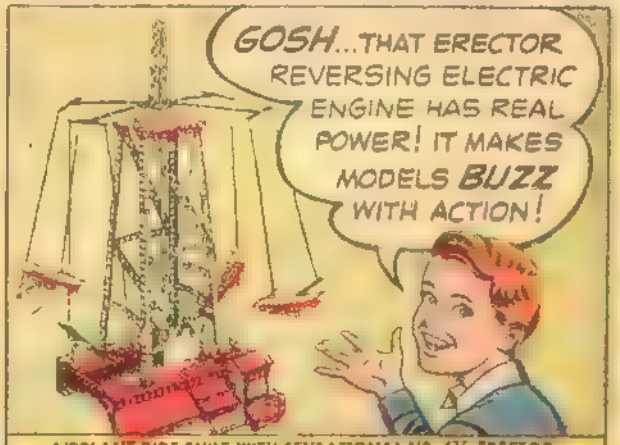

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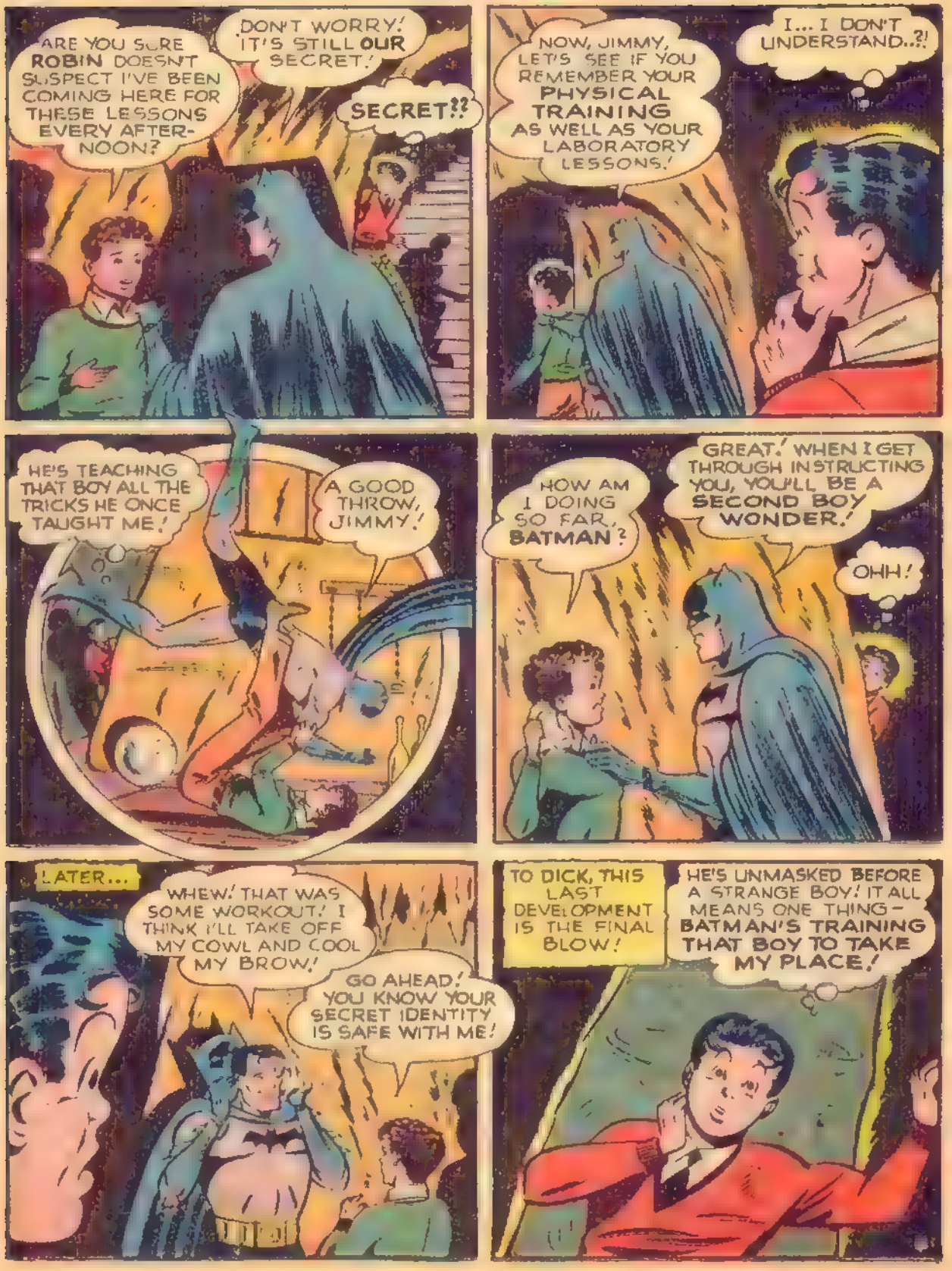
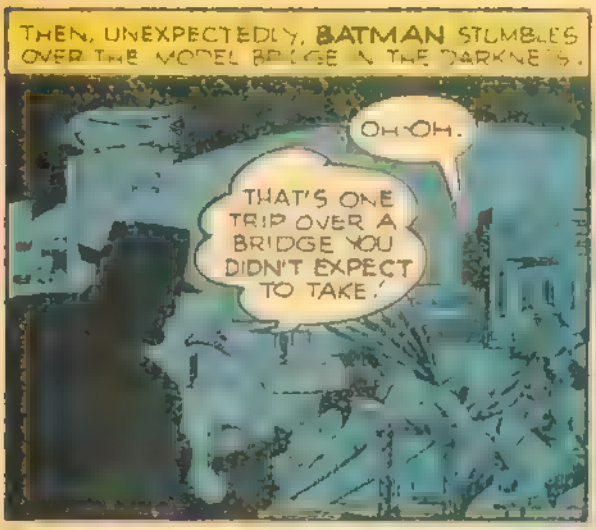
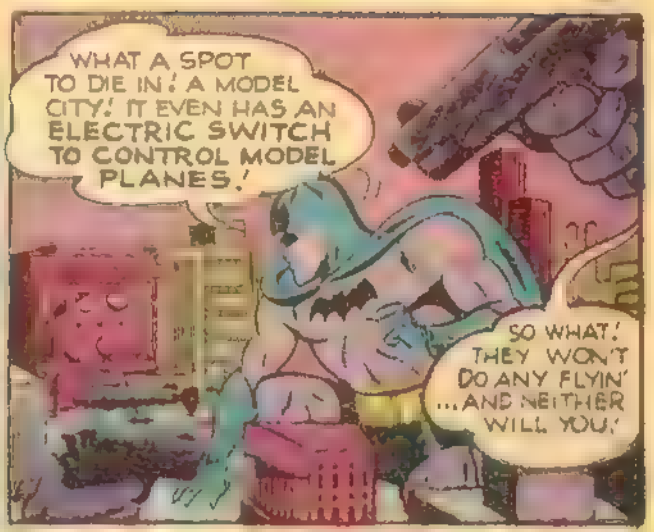
LOOK! THE BAT SIGNAL! LET'S GO, BRUCE! THAT'S POLICE HEADQUARTERS CALLING BATMAN AND ROBIN!
BUT AS THE BOY WONDER REACHES FOR HIS ROBIN COSTUME...
WHOA DICK! IF YOU DON'T MIND, I'D RATHER YOU STAYED HOME TONIGHT!
BUT..? OKAY... YOU'RE THE BOSS!
THE NEXT NIGHT, THE SCENE IS REPEATED!
YOU'D BETTER STAY IN TONIGHT AND... AND STUDY YOUR HOMEWORK!
AW..!
MY SCHOOL GRADES ARE FINE! HE JUST WANTED AN EXCUSE TO KEEP ME HOME! I WONDER WHY?
THE NEXT DAY, AS DICK RETURNS HOME FROM SCHOOL WHICH HAS RECESSED EARLIER THAN USUAL...
THAT'S BRUCE'S VOICE! HE'S TALKING TO SOMEBODY—IN THE BATCAVE!
NOW SNIFF THIS TUBE, JIMMY!
TO DICK'S ASTONISHMENT, A STRANGE YOUTH STANDS IN THE SECRET UNDERGROUND RETREAT HERETOFORE KNOWN ONLY TO BATMAN AND ROBIN!
CORRECT AGAIN, JIMMY!
THE SMELL OF BITTER ALMONDS! THIS TUBE HOLDS PRUSSIC ACID!


ARE YOU SURE ROBIN DOESN'T SUSPECT I'VE BEEN COMING HERE FOR THESE LESSONS EVERY AFTERNOON?
DON'T WORRY! IT'S STILL OUR SECRET!
SECRET!?!
NOW, JIMMY, LET'S SEE IF YOU REMEMBER YOUR PHYSICAL TRAINING AS WELL AS YOUR LABORATORY LESSONS!
I... I DON'T UNDERSTAND..?!
HE'S TEACHING THAT BOY ALL THE TRICKS HE ONCE TAUGHT ME!
A GOOD THROW, JIMMY!
HOW AM I DOING SO FAR, BATMAN?
GREAT! WHEN I GET THROUGH INSTRUCTING YOU, YOU'LL BE A SECOND BOY WONDER!
OHH!
LATER...
WHEW! THAT WAS SOME WORKOUT! I THINK I'LL TAKE OFF MY COWL AND COOL MY BROW!
GO AHEAD! YOU KNOW YOUR SECRET IDENTITY IS SAFE WITH ME!
TO DICK, THIS LAST DEVELOPMENT IS THE FINAL BLOW!
HE'S UNMASKED BEFORE A STRANGE BOY! IT ALL MEANS ONE THING— BATMAN'S TRAINING THAT BOY TO TAKE MY PLACE!

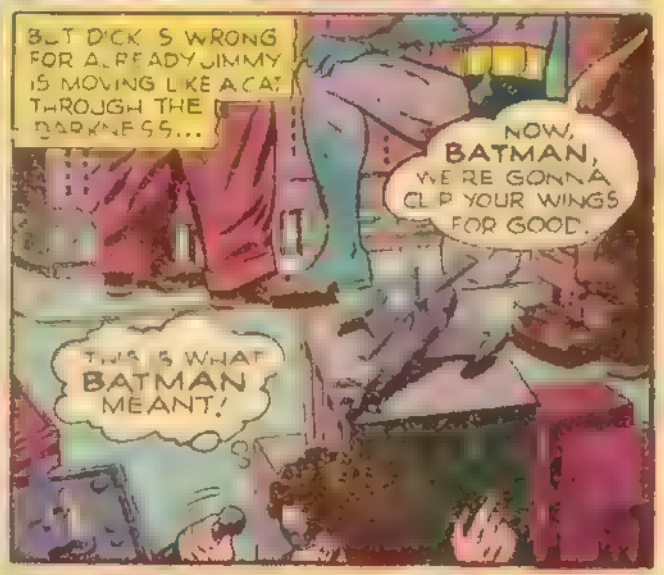
CAN I GO WITH YOU ON A CASE TONIGHT AS I DID THE LAST TWO NIGHTS?
GULP!
YES, BUT THIS TIME YOU'D BETTER WEAR A MASK. I THINK YOU'VE AT LAST LEARNED ENOUGH TO JOIN ME IN ACTION.
LATER...
DID I DO SOMETHING WRONG? MAYBE BATMAN THINKS I'M SLIPPING... THAT I'M NOT A FIT PARTNER FOR HIM ANYMORE! BUT I'M AS GOOD AS I EVER WAS.
WHY, ONLY LAST WEEK, BATMAN WAS IN REAL TROUBLE ON THE JOKER'S DEADLY ROULETTE WHEEL UNTIL I CRASHED IN.
WHY, I'LL BET I COULD BEAT THIS NEW KID WITH ONE HAND TIED BEHIND MY BACK! I... AW GOLLY... WHAT'S THE USE OF TALKING.
AND I'VE NEVER TURNED YELLOW... NOT EVEN WHEN WE TACKLED FRANKENSTEIN'S MONSTER.

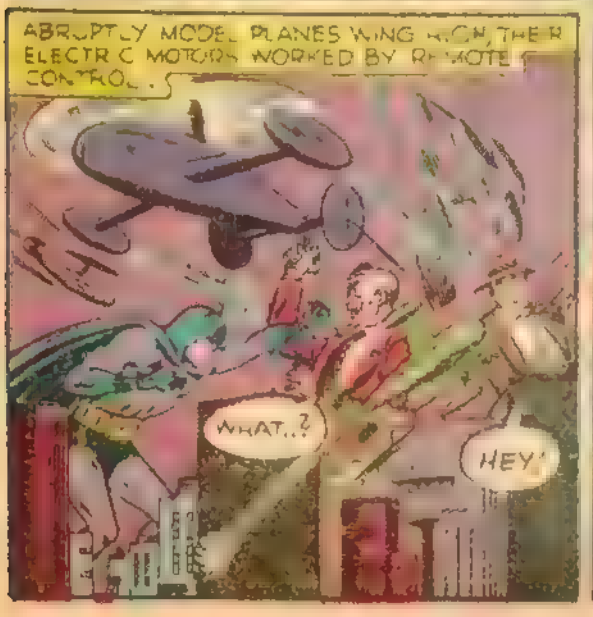
THAT NIGHT, AS BATMAN MEETS JIMMY ON A LONELY CORNER...
I WANT TO SEE HOW GOOD THIS NEW KID IS IN ACTION.
THEY'LL KILL ME... UHH... MY SHOULDER ... GOTTA HIDE... MAYBE IN HERE...
WE WINGED HIM; THERE HE GOES...INTO THAT WAREHOUSE! AFTER HIM, BOYS!
LATER, AS BATMAN PROWLS THE ROOFTOPS, SUDDENLY- THE STACCATO SOUND OF RUNNING FEET AND CRASHING SHOTS!
BATMAN- WHAT'S HAPPENING?
GUNMEN... AFTER SOMEBODY! JIMMY, YOU CLIMB DOWN TO THE STREET ... AND BE CAREFUL! I'LL TAKE A SHORTCUT!
INSIDE, AS THE KILLERS PURSUE THEIR VICTIM THROUGH THE SET OF A MODEL CITY JUST BUILT FOR A MOVIE STUDIO SUDDENLY AN EERIE FIGURE LOOMS OVER THEM.
YI-II! LOOK!
BATMAN!
CAPE UNFURLED, THE FRIGHTENING FIGURE SWOOPS DOWN LIKE A MAMMOTH BAT!
NO... GET AWAY

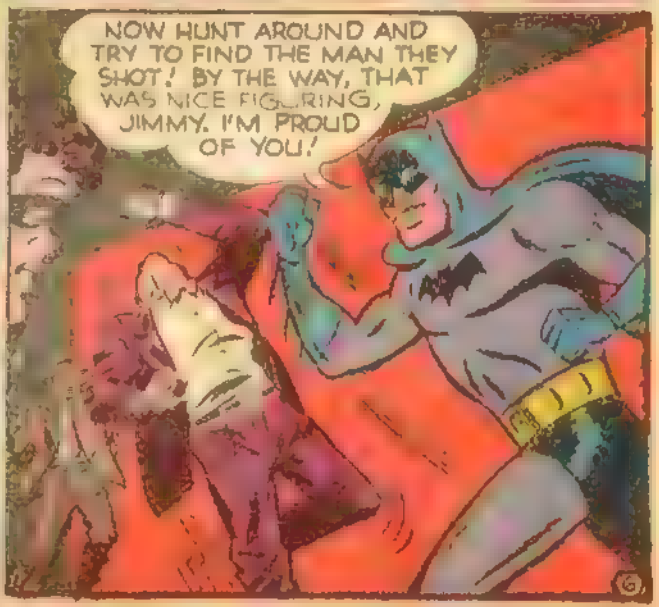

THEN, UNEXPECTEDLY, BATMAN STUMBLES OVER THE MODEL BRIDGE IN THE DARKNESS.
OH-OH.
THAT'S ONE TRIP OVER A BRIDGE YOU DIDN'T EXPECT TO TAKE!


WHAT A SPOT TO DIE IN! A MODEL CITY! IT EVEN HAS AN ELECTRIC SWITCH TO CONTROL MODEL PLANES!
SO WHAT! THEY WON'T DO ANY FLYIN' ...AND NEITHER WILL YOU!

AS SUDDEN DEATH MENACES BATMAN DICK LOYALLY STARTS FROM HIDING...
GOOD THING I FOLLOWED! THE OTHER KID'S PROBABLY TOO SCARED TO PITCH IN!


BUT DICK'S WRONG FOR ALREADY JIMMY IS MOVING LIKE A CAT THROUGH THE DARKNESS...
NOW, BATMAN, WE'RE GONNA CLIP YOUR WINGS FOR GOOD.
THIS IS WHAT BATMAN MEANT!


ABRUPTLY MODEL PLANES WING HIGH, THEIR ELECTRIC MOTORS WORKED BY REMOTE CONTROL.
WHAT..?
HEY!


NOW HUNT AROUND AND TRY TO FIND THE MAN THEY SHOT! BY THE WAY, THAT WAS NICE FIGURING, JIMMY. I'M PROUD OF YOU!

"I'M PROUD OF YOU!"—WITH THOSE WORDS FOR ANOTHER LAD RINGING IN HIS EARS, DICK SHUFFLES AWAY!
I'M GLAD JIMMY'S BRAINS SAVED BATMAN'S LIFE... I GUESS I'M THROUGH.'
MEANWHILE, THE DRIVER OF THE GANG CAR HAS OVERTAKEN THE WOUNDED MAN ELSEWHERE IN THE WAREHOUSE...
TOO BAD, WAXEY... BUT THIS IS WAR... GANG WAR! I'M TAKING OVER YOUR TERRITORY AND THERE'S NO PLACE FOR YOU.'
GLOVES... DON'T...
THE GLOVED HAND CONTRACTS...THE TRIGGER FINGER TIGHTENS...JUST AS JIMMY COMES INTO VIEW!
BLAM
A MASKED KID! IT MUST BE BATMAN'S PAL, ROBIN... BUT THE BRAT DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO PUT ON HIS WHOLE COSTUME.'
BATMAN MUST BE RIGHT BEHIND HIM.' THIS IS NO PLACE FOR ME.'
MEANWHILE, AS BATMAN HEARS THE SHOTS, HE TURNS, HORRIFIED...
JIMMY... MAYBE SOMEBODY'S SHOOTING AT JIMMY.' GOT TO HELP HIM. UHH.'
LAM! BLAM
LUCKY FER US THE SHOTS PUT HIM OFF GUARD! NOW WE CAN LAM.'
LATER, BATMAN REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS AND REALIZES WHAT HAS HAPPENED...
WHO WAS HE?
WAXEY WILSON! WELL, YOU'D BETTER GO HOME NOW...THERE'S NOTHING MORE WE CAN DO TONIGHT.'

ONE HOUR LATER... SOMEWHERE ON THE EDGE OF TOWN...
WHAT'S WORRYIN' YOU, GLOVES?... BATMAN DIDN'T TOUCH YOUR FACE!
NO... BUT ROBIN SAW MY FACE! I'M SURE HE DOESN'T KNOW WHO I AM BECAUSE I'M NEW IN THIS TOWN...
... BUT SOONER OR LATER HE'LL PICK OUT MY FACE IN THE ROGUES' GALLERY AND HE'LL PIN THE KILLING OF WAXEY ON ME! I'VE GOT TO GET ROBIN BEFORE THAT HAPPENS!
SOON AFTER... THE BAT-SIGNAL...
OH-OH! LOOKS LIKE I'LL HAVE TO GO OUT AGAIN! SORRY, BUT I CAN'T TAKE YOU ALONG, DICK!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO PRETEND WITH ME! I KNOW ALL ABOUT YOU AND JIMMY!
YOU KNOW? BUT HOW... DID JIMMY TELL YOU?
JIMMY DOESN'T HAVE A COSTUME TO WEAR! HERE... GIVE HIM THIS, SPARE ONE!
IT WON'T BE ANY GOOD TO ME ANYMORE!
YOUR COSTUME! THIS IS A FINE GESTURE, DICK! JIMMY WILL GET A GREAT KICK OUT OF WEARING IT! THANKS!
THERE... NOW I GUESS NO ONE CAN CALL ROBIN A BAD LOSER!
DICK, PUT ON YOUR ROBIN SUIT AND DELIVER THAT SPARE COSTUME TO JIMMY'S HOME AT 1194 EAST THIRD STREET! BRING HIM TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS!
FROM BOY WONDER TO DELIVERY BOY... THAT'S ME!

MOMENTS LATER... AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...
THAT NOTE CAME FOR YOU!
Batman: I know who killed my boss, Wesley Wilson. Come to Turnpike Road. HURRY! a friend
HMMM! NO TIME TO WAIT FOR ROBIN! THIS SOUNDS LIKE MY FIRST REAL BREAK!
HIS EAGERNESS OVERCOMING NORMAL CAUTION, BATMAN HASTENS TO HIS DESTINATION AND MEETS CRASHING BLACKNESS!
FINE! I KNEW THAT PHONEY NOTE I SENT WOULD LURE HIM HERE! NOW FOR ROBIN!
GLOVES... ROBIN AIN'T WITH HIM! HE CAME ALONE!
WHAT? BUT IT'S ROBIN I REALLY WANT! WAKE BATMAN UP! WE'LL THIRD-DEGREE HIM INTO TELLING US WHERE ROBIN IS!
UNABLE TO DEFEND HIMSELF, THE MIGHTY BATMAN IS RENDERED UNCONSCIOUS...
WHERE'S ROBIN? TALK!
HE'S PASSED OUT! HE'S TOO TOUGH TO CRACK, GLOVES!
THEN THE ONLY WAY WE CAN MAKE HIM TALK IS BY TRICKING HIM!
WHEN BATMAN AWAKENS AGAIN, HE FINDS HIMSELF STRAPPED TO A CHAIR, UNABLE TO MOVE EVEN HIS HEAD!
BATMAN, WHERE IS ROBIN NOW? IS HE AT THE NORTH SIDE OF TOWN... THE SOUTH... THE WEST... THE EAST?
EAST? YES... BY NOW ROBIN SHOULD BE AT JIMMY'S HOUSE AT EAST THIRD STREET, BUT I'M NOT TELLING GLOVES THAT!
BUT, UNKNOWN TO HIM, BATMAN'S THOUGHTS ARE BETRAYING HIM... FOR HE IS UNAWARE HE IS HOOKED UP TO A LIE DETECTOR!
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EDITOR'S NOTE:

A LIE DETECTOR IS A MACHINE USED BY LAW AGENCIES TO QUESTION SUSPECTS. IT WORKS ON THE PRINCIPLE THAT WHEN PEOPLE TRY TO CONCEAL THE TRUTH, THEIR BLOOD, PRESSURE AND PULSE GIVE THEM AWAY!

NOW KNOWING **ROBIN** IS AT GOTHAM CITY'S EAST SIDE, GLOVES NARROWS THE FIELD DOWN WITH A CITY MAP.'

WHICH SECTION ON THE EAST SIDE? THE GREENWICH SECTION? THE CHELSEA SECTION?

CHELSEA

THOUGH **BATMAN'S** FACE REMAINS INSCRUTABLE, THE QUIVERING NEEDLE OF THE DETECTOR RECORDS A SHARP RISE ON THE GRAPH AT THE WORD, **'CHELSEA'!**

HMM! WHERE IN THE CHELSEA SECTION? FIRST STREET? SECOND STREET? THIRD STREET?...

WHAT NUMBER ON EAST THIRD STREET? 1198?... 1196?... 1194?..

1194 GLOVES! THE NEEDLE JUMPED A MILE ON THAT!

NEEDLE?

YES... YOU'VE BEEN HOOKED UP TO A LIE DETECTOR! IT'S A LITTLE GADGET I USE ON MY MEN... TO TEST THEIR **LOYALTY** TO ME.'

YOU SCHEMING RAT! YOU'VE MADE ME BETRAY **ROBIN!** IF I COULD ONLY GET FREE...!

ACTUAL LIE DETECTOR TEST OF **BATMAN'S** THOUGHTS

EAST SIDE

CHELSEA SECTION

300 ST.

1194

NORMAL

EMOTIONAL STRESS

MEANWHILE, AT JIMMY'S HOME, ROBIN INTRODUCES HIMSELF TO THE ASTONISHED BOY...
ROBIN? HERE? THEN BATMAN TOLD YOU MY SECRET.'
NO! I OVERHEARD EVERYTHING! HERE'S ONE OF MY SPARE COSTUMES! HURRY! BATMAN'S WAITING AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS.'
AS JIMMY RETIRES TO DRESS IN HIS BEDROOM...
HMM! STRANGE... THIS GLOBE OF THE WORLD HAS RAISED RELIEF AND GRID LINES! OHH... I REMEMBER NOW! THIS IS A BRAILLE GLOBE—MADE FOR A BLIND PERSON TO FEEL WITH HIS FINGERTIPS.'
NOW THAT I THINK BACK, EVERYTHING JIMMY DID WAS AT BATMAN'S DIRECTIONS AND CALLED FOR JIMMY'S SENSES OF SMELL AND TOUCH! NO WONDER HE MOVED SO EASILY THROUGH THE DARK! JIMMY IS BLIND.'
SLEEP TIGHT, LITTLE MAN!
DAZED, ROBIN SINKS TO THE FLOOR...
NOW HE'S GONNA JOIN BATMAN AT OUR HIDEOUT IN THE OLD WOMAN'S SHOE.'
WITH ONE LAST-DITCH EFFORT, THE GROGGY BOY PICKS UP A PEN AND...
YOW! HE TRIED TO STAB ME.

THEN, EVEN AS HE GOES UNDER ROBIN MANAGES TO CRASH HARD AGAINST THE GLOBE AND TOPPLE IT!
LET'S GET HIM OUTA HERE BEFORE SOMEBODY ELSE COMES IN.
ROBIN! WHAT'S WRONG?
CRASH!
MOMENTS LATER, JIMMY TRIPS OVER THE FALLEN GLOBE AND INSTINCTIVELY RUNS HIS SENSITIVE FINGERTIPS OVER IT...
SOMEBODY GRABBED ROBIN! OUTSIDE... STUCK IN THE ITALIAN "BOOT"! ROBIN MUST'VE LEFT IT AS A CLUE! A BOOT IS A SHOE! I WONDER..?
SOON AFTER JIMMY REACHES A ONE-TIME ROADSIDE RESTAURANT OF A UNIQUE DESIGN..
BATMAN AND ROBIN TOGETHER! VERY COZY.
THEN THIS IS THE PLACE! I REMEMBER A FRIEND DESCRIBING IT! I THINK I KNOW WHAT TO DO NOW!
A FEW MINUTES LATER, INSIDE THE SHOE...
COUGH SMOKE! (COUGH) SOMETHIN' WRONG WITH THE CHIMNEY!
LET'S SCRAM! (COUGH) WE WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT BATMAN AND ROBIN! (COUGH) WE'LL LET THEM SUFFOCATE TO DEATH!
AS THE GANGSTERS DEPART...
IT WAS A CLEVER STUNT, ROBIN! THE ONLY CLEVER THING I COULD DO TO MATCH IT WAS TO STUFF YOUR CAPE IN THE CHIMNEY!
JIMMY! YOU GOT MY MESSAGE!

MEANWHILE, BLINDED BY THE SMOKE, THE THUGS DO NOT SEE THAT THE LADDER HAS BEEN REMOVED AND...
HEY...
YII-II!
MY EYES MUST BE GOING BACK ON ME! I SEE TWO ROBINS!
THUS, A BLIND BOY HAS DEFEATED GLOVES' MOB BY MAKING THEM "BLIND"!
I'M FINISHED! GOT TO RUN- OOF!
THANKS FOR TALKING! NOW I CAN "SEE" YOU BY TOUCHING YOU!
LATER...
GLOVES, YOU DIDN'T TRICK ME INTO REVEALING ROBIN'S HOME ADDRESS! THE REAL ROBIN WAS VISITING THIS BOY!
BATMAN! HOW CAN JIMMY REPLACE ME NOW THAT YOU'VE UNMASKED HIS SECRET IDENTITY?
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! I HOPE TO BE A CRIMINOLOGIST SOME DAY, SO BATMAN'S BEEN GIVING ME SPECIAL TRAINING! WE KEPT EVERYTHING SECRET FROM YOU BECAUSE MY FINAL TEST WAS TO TACKLE A CASE WITH YOU!
I HOPED THAT IN SPITE OF MY BLINDNESS, I'D PROVE MY ABILITY! IF I COULD DO THAT WITHOUT REVEALING MY BLINDNESS TO YOUR SHARP EYES, THEN I'D KNOW MY CAREER AS A CRIMINOLOGIST IS ASSURED!
BUT AS FOR ME REPLACING YOU AS BATMAN'S PARTNER, NOBODY COULD DO THAT!
JIMMY'S RIGHT, ROBIN... THERE'S ONLY ONE BOY WONDER... AND HE'S YOU!
GOLLY... GOLLY...
THE END

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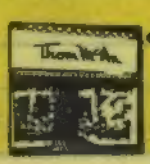

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